

# Animal Science Meeting 2021

## 2-3 December

### Online

#### AGENDA (2-part meeting)

#### PART 1

#### Thursday 2 December, 14:30-16:45

- 14:30**      **Welcome from the Chair**  
Professor Dominic Wells FRSB, Royal Veterinary College
- 14:40**      **Talk**  
Shifting the regulatory paradigm for ensuring the safety of chemicals to enable the use of modern animal-free safety science and uphold the requirement for animal testing as a last resort  
Dr Julia Fentem, Head of Safety & Environmental Assurance Centre, Unilever (UK)
- 15:15**      **Talk**  
Animal sentience in UK policy making – a perspective from the [Foundations of Animal Sentience](#)  
Dr Heather Browning, Postdoctoral researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)
- 15:45**      **Break**
- 15:55**      **Keynote lecture**  
Reproducibility of animal research in the light of biological variation  
Professor Hanno Würbel, Veterinary Public Health Institute, University of Bern (Switzerland)
- 16:40**      **Closing remarks**
- 16:45**      **Event ends**

## PART 2

### Friday 3 December, 14:30-16:45

**14:30 Welcome from the Chair**

Professor Dominic Wells FRSB, Royal Veterinary College

**14:35 Facilitated discussions**

A series of parallel workshops facilitated by members of the Animal Science Group and experts from the animal research sector. Attendees will be sent preparatory material (e.g. readings and prompt questions) to review ahead of time and responses will be reviewed and discussed during these sessions.

**1. Reproducibility in animal behaviour studies**

Professor Christian Rutz, University of St Andrews, Alessandro Coatti, the Royal Society of Biology (scribe)

**2. Using research animals/ their tissues for education**

Dr Dave Lewis, British Pharmacological Society, Laura Bellingan, the Royal Society of Biology (scribe)

**3. What makes a good Culture of Care and how do you know when you have one?**

Dr Sally Robinson, AstraZeneca, Dr Angela Kerton, LASA, Professor Beth Greenhough, AnNex (scribe)

**4. Regulatory science and safety testing for chemicals – new approach methodologies and barriers to the 3Rs**

Dr Fiona Sewell, NC3Rs, and Dr Carl Westmoreland, Unilever, Dr Natalie Burden (scribe)

**5. Animal research and societal views – foresight and horizon scanning**

Professor Johanna Gibson, ASC/Queen Mary University, Laura Marshall, the Royal Society of Biology (scribe)

**15:35 Break**

**15:45 Reporting phase**

**16:35 Closing remarks**

**16:45 Event ends**